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## USUBC-KSE CONFERENCE ON LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE REFORM PRESENTATION OF THE USUBC WHITE PAPER ON LEGAL REFORM Wednesday, 15 October 2014

At Kyiv School of Economics: 1, Ivana Mazepy str., Kyiv, 01010

Sponsoring law firms: Asters, Avellum Partners, Clifford Chance, CMS Cameron McKenna, Dentons, DLA Piper Ukraine, KM Partners, RULG-Ukrainian Legal Group, Squire Patton Boggs, Volkov & Partners

## INVITATION

The White Paper on Legal and Governance Reform, which was jointly developed by ten leading law firms on a pro-bono basis in the course of three months, was released on 22 September under the auspices of U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC). The English and Ukrainian versions of the White Paper are at <u>http://www.usubc.org/site/recent-news/legal-reform-in-ukraine-strategic-priorities</u>

Tellingly just three days after the release of the White Paper, President Poroshenko in his first major pressconference on reforms called for total dismantling of the current system, exactly what our White Paper stood for! Indeed it is high time to change both the mind-set and the rhetoric now because the Ukraine story is no longer about the agony of fixing the unfixable, but about building a brand new modern and fair service-based system for Ukrainian citizens and businesses.

We are happy to invite you to the half-day conference <u>on 15 October</u> at Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) to discuss the White Paper and the proposed reforms. This will be a half-day conference, starting with lunch at 1 PM, followed by the workshop from 2 to 6 PM, followed by reception. The Program is available at the registration page.

Registration for the conference is free of charge, but mandatory. Please register electronically at <u>http://www.kse.org.ua/en/about/kse-news/?newsid=480</u> The registration will be carried out on the first-come/first-serve basis and space is limited. The registration will close when we reach capacity, but in any event COB 13 October 2014.

In additional to law firms, which prepared the White Paper, presenting their views on legal reform, we are also presenting two panels with the "Non-Lawyer Points of View" represented by the prominent members of the Business, Diplomatic, Civic Society, International Institutions and Academic Communities.

The conference will have excellent speakers, and we are happy that a prominent economist, who recently served as Minister of Economy - Pavlo Sheremeta, and HE Ambassador of Sweden Andreas von Beckerath and Dmytro Shymkiv, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine – kindly greed to participate in our discussions.

We very much hope that you will accept our invitation for this important and timely event!